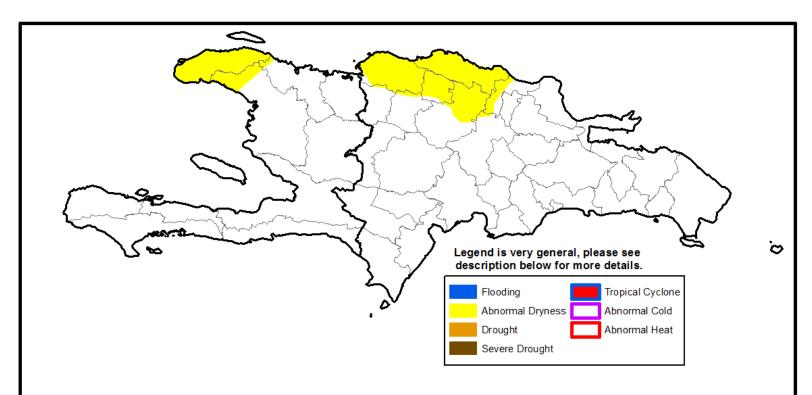


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook December 10 – December 16, 2015

Enhanced rainfall over southern Hispaniola has led to improving ground conditions in the south.



For the second consecutive week, enhanced rainfall was received across much of Hispaniola, with the highest precipitation accumulations observed across southern Hispaniola. According to satellite data, weekly rainfall totals (>100mm) were received for several southern departments of Haiti and the Dominican Republic, with nearly 150mm received in local areas in the Sud, Sud-Est, and Ouest departments. The increased rains have led to a rapid strengthening of moisture surpluses particularly in southern Haiti. Over the last 30 days, many local areas in southern Haiti are now experiencing two to four times their normal rainfall accumulation for November and early December. The evolution of vegetation indices suggest much improvement over southern Haiti, however, unfavorable conditions are still noted in the northern departments of Haiti and northwestern Dominican Republic where recent rains haven't been as abundant. During the upcoming outlook period, a return to a more seasonable rainfall distribution is expected for much of the island. Locally moderate amounts are forecast for interior Hispaniola, with lighter amounts forecast for coastal areas.